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## College sees 10.4% rise

Enrollment will become 10th consecutive record

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON  
CAMPUS EDITOR

With Missouri Southern about to set another enrollment record, the need for additional faculty, classroom space, and other facilities is becoming more acute.

"We not only have more students, they're also taking more courses than they did last semester," said College President Julio Leon, who addressed the Board of Regents Friday. "Once again, there is evidence of the fact that MSSC is an attractive alternative to other colleges in the state."

At the end of the first two weeks of classes, the College had a head count of 5,079 students, a 10.4 percent increase over the 1988 spring semester. This is the 10th consecutive semester that Southern will show an enrollment increase.

The 20th day of classes is the "census day" in which the official enrollment figure will be taken. Since many students drop classes during the first four weeks, the total enrollment number is expected to be "slightly less" than the figure listed after two weeks of classes.

"I think the surprise is not a record enrollment," said Dr. Floyd Belk, vice president for academic affairs. "but the surprise is the number of students involved in getting a quality education."

"Enrollment in southwest Missouri isn't growing more rapidly than in other areas of the state. Just more students are coming to Missouri Southern."

According to Leon, Southern's enrollment grew 35 percent during the last eight years. Much of this is attributed to the many older adults who are going back to college and furthering their education.

Though Southern enjoys frequent enrollment increases, problems accompany such gains.

According to Belk, the most demanding problem Southern faces is the need for more space for students. He said the campus is running out of space in classrooms, the cafeteria, residence halls, and parking lots.

"Without a strong increase in our budget, there isn't room for many more students on our campus," said Belk.

Administrators at Southern have considered instituting an "enrollment cap" of approximately 6,000 students. This means that when the total enrollment exceeds the given number, Southern would begin to turn students away.

"We have not formally talked about an enrollment cap as of yet," Belk said. "But it is necessary for us to look at the number of teaching stations available on campus, the number of faculty available, and both of these variables depend on an increase in our budget."

According to Belk, few institutions are growing as rapidly as Southern, and it is not common to place enrollment caps.

"The major problem is that any additions to housing means we have to increase the food-service facilities," he said. "This (record enrollment) is a much better situation than a decrease in enrollment where you have to shut down programs and such. It's a much better problem to have."

Also during the meeting, Leon addressed the Board concerning Gov. John Ashcroft's recommendations to the General Assembly.

Leon said the governor had recommended a 7.5 percent across-the-board increase for every institution in the state.

"This is a departure from former practice in the last couple of years," said Leon. "The governor usually recommends a percent of what the CBHE recommends."

According to Leon, the governor took what was recommended last year and added a flat amount to it.

"This doesn't seem to treat all institutions evenly," Leon said. "The governor suggests the Coordinating Board take a closer look at its formula and make sure all institutions are treated equally."

Ashcroft did not recommend any maintenance and repair funding for Southern. He recommended a total of \$6.5 million for higher education for repair and maintenance, with \$5 million going to the University of Missouri-Columbia and the remaining \$1.5 million to other colleges.

Even though Ashcroft did not recommend the new social sciences and communications building for Southern, it is possible the General Assembly could go ahead and approve the structure.

"It is still our hope that the governor will be able to recommend it," said Leon. "We are going to need more resources to maintain the quality our students have grown used to."



STAFF PHOTO BY NICK COBLE

**Rainy day** Yesterday's rainy weather forced Missouri Southern students to break out the raincoats and umbrellas.

## Leon attends state hearing

BY ROBERT J. SMITH  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Hoping to learn more about higher education across the nation, College President Julio Leon attended a hearing of the House Higher Education Committee in Jefferson City Monday.

The committee, chaired by Rep. Ken Jacobs (D-Columbia), invited state leaders to the hearing in an effort to provide them with information about higher education in other states.

Yesterday, Leon testified before the Senate Appropriations Committee regarding the needs of Missouri Southern.

"The message to the Senate Appropriations Committee was basically the same one I gave to the House Appropriations Committee last week," Leon said.

Leon said he pointed out Southern's need for the social sciences and communications building. The building was not recommended by Gov. John Ashcroft in his annual "State of the State" address nine days ago.

"I requested consideration of the CBHE's recommendation for the new building and told them how our enrollment had increased tremendously," Leon said. "It has created great strains on our ability to serve an increasing number of students."

Leon expects his message to receive serious consideration from state legislators.

"I think they will respond positively," he said. "We'll have to wait until the session is over before we will know whether they are listening, not just to us, but to all other state agencies."

Monday's hearing gave state leaders an opportunity to learn about higher education in other states.

"The committee had a hearing and brought in an expert of higher education from the Education Commission of the States to address the committee in regards to things happening in higher education across the country," Leon said. "We found out what states are devoting more resources to higher education, which states are reallocating, and which states are reorganizing as far as higher education is concerned."

Leon said the hearing did not specifically address the needs of Missouri higher education.

According to Leon, the message was that the "best situation from an organizational standpoint was one where there was a strong coordinating board and independent institutions that are flexible and able to respond to the needs of the areas where they are."

## Food service contract will expire next year

### College looks at upcoming food options

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Although Missouri Southern is "generally pleased" with American Food Management, the College is entertaining proposals from other companies and is considering making a change when AFM's contract expires next year.

"Our contract with American Food Management is up in May of next year," said Doug Carnahan, director of student life. "Right now we're looking at proposals from other companies and thinking about what changes we'd like to make."

Carnahan said the most important function of AFM is feeding residence hall students. The College judges AFM's performance mainly on this service.

"AFM is in charge of all food services on campus, including the residence halls, the snack bar, and all catering," he said. "Whenever the food service goes well, student services goes well."

AFM has served Southern for seven years and is "by far the best company we've ever had." However, Carnahan said it is only common sense to check out the competition.

"We're going to take this whole year and review different programs and visit with people," he said. "We want some feedback on other companies as to the price of a 21-meal plan. Also, we're looking at the cost of having two plans: a 10-meal plan and a 21-meal plan."

The cafeteria now serves 20 meals per week, but Southern is interested in providing a Sunday evening meal. The Marriott Corporation, ARA Food Services, and Professional Food Services are a few of the companies Southern has been in contact with.

"Southern's food service is above average," said Ed Butkiewicz, director of food services. "We get a lot of feedback from the students. They tell us what they want, and if it's within our contract, we try and do it for them."

Carnahan said there is never a time without problems, but these "isolated" circumstances are dealt with on an immediate basis.

"Usually students have a dirty table, or occasionally a hair in their food," he said. "These are just minor problems."

"Really, the biggest complaints are with the menu. The students sometimes get bored with the routine schedule of meals, and start complaining that they want something else. When this happens, it is in our contract what we can serve and what we can't. If we can make it available, we try to."

When AFM took over the food services seven years ago, Carnahan said the greatest improvement was the installation of an all-you-can-eat food service.

"They negotiated a contract for the all-you-can-eat service, as opposed to one helping," said Carnahan. "The second significant change was the installation of a salad bar in 1985."

As Southern keeps reaching record enrollments, the number of students eating on campus is rising and the cafeteria is out of room.

"We're at the point now where we can't feed anymore people in the cafeteria," said Carnahan. "If we build more residence halls, we'll have to build more dining halls. We're at capacity."

"Looking at the overall picture, we are pleased with our food service. Ed has an impossible job, and he does a tremendously good job with it."



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**Recruiting effort** Sixteen Clever High School students board a bus after a campus tour conducted by the admissions office. The office is bringing high school students to campus on a daily basis.

## College schedules 'Brown Bag Seminars'

BY CHRISTOPHER A. CLARK  
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Using a casual atmosphere to inform is a technique being implemented to help faculty members gain understanding of the College's push to make writing more prevalent in all majors of study.

The first of the "Brown Bag Seminars" will take place at noon on Tuesday, Feb. 7, in the House of Lords Room in the Billingsly Student Center. According to Dr. Dale Simpson, assistant professor of English, faculty members are encouraged to bring their lunches to the seminar to accommodate a more "informal setting."

"It will be a real brown bag-type meeting," he said. "We will be eating and talking at the same time. Hopefully, nobody will eat with their mouths full."

"Our first meeting is going to be very informational in nature," Simpson said. "We're being very careful not to make it a too-formal program."

During the first seminar, four faculty

members will address the group, emphasizing the "importance of writing more throughout the curriculum." Speaking to the group will be Simpson, Dr. Jim Jackson, professor of biology; Delores Honey, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs; and Don Seneker, director of the police academy.

One of the seminar's goals will be to address concerns the faculty may have concerning the installation of writing intensive courses.

"We will listen to faculty concerns," Simpson said. "We will also try to anticipate student concerns."

"I am hoping that there will be a lot of interchange of ideas of the faculty who are interested in the program."

The writing across the curriculum program would require students to take at least one writing intensive course in their major study or in an allied discipline.

In the fall semester, Simpson made presentations to five different departments to inform them of the need for writing across the curriculum. He claims

he received "very encouraging responses." "I have been really encouraged by the response I have gotten," said Simpson. "People are positive about what we're going to do."

In April, Simpson hopes to put together a day-long workshop in which faculty will be able to attend a presentation by a nationally known expert in writing across the curriculum. Simpson would not name the speaker, but he said the person has agreed to come to Southern.

Simpson believes the installation of writing intensive courses is important to students.

"There is a concern over erosion in writing skills of students," he said. "Instructors agree that where there is not a program like this, there is usually a problem with student writing."

"I've got a student who can't even write a letter to a prospective employer with good grammar and punctuation, so this is something we need."





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**The heart** Evalina Shippee, assistant professor of nursing, displays the inner workings of the human heart to students in her Medical and Surgical Nursing II class on Monday in Kuhn Hall.

## Baird, Kurtz, and Dobson hires two graduates

Two graduates of Missouri Southern have joined the local branch of the Baird, Kurtz, and Dobson accounting firm.

Patricia Pyle, a 1984 graduate of Southern, and Chris Hughes, who will graduate in May, have been employed in the Joplin office of the firm.

Baird, Kurtz, and Dobson, active in public accounting, also does work in taxes, consulting, and business planning.

According to Richard Scott, partner in charge, the firm has recruited Southern graduates for the last 10 years.

"I think Southern has a good program in accounting," he said. "These graduates are well qualified and have a good background."

Scott said the firm does some recruiting in the fall, looking for December grad-

uates, and then again in the spring.

"We also look for accounting students to do some part-time work," he said. "This has proved successful for both the firm and the students."

Pyle has been working for Baird, Kurtz, and Dobson for three months. She said she chose this firm because "it is the best in town."

"I have learned more since the first of January by working here than anywhere I have worked before," she said.

Pyle is pleased with the education she received at Southern. She said she liked Southern because of its smaller size.

"I feel very fortunate to have this opportunity with BKD because you learn a lot from on-the-job training," she said.

Hughes is currently employed part-time with Baird, Kurtz, and Dobson. He

is doing work in auditing and small business consulting. After he graduates in May, Hughes will join the firm as a full-time employee.

"I saw posters in the business department advertising BKD's interview dates and decided to check it out," he said.

Hughes said he received good training at Southern.

"I received a lot of guidance from Larry Goode (associate professor of business)," he said. "I think he is an outstanding teacher."

Both Pyle and Hughes agree that while Southern is strong in most areas, more emphasis could be placed on tax courses.

"I would like to see an improvement made in the quality of the tax courses for the students," said Pyle.

## Student services to start selecting orientation staff

Expecting an even larger freshmen enrollment for the fall semester, the student services office has already started its selection process for College Orientation leaders.

"Each year we have a bigger enrollment," said Lori LeBahn, coordinator of College Orientation. "We're going to need more leaders now than we did last year."

"We had 42 leaders in the fall semester, and we're going to need between 50 and 55 for next semester."

The College Orientation leader will be responsible for instructing approximately 20 to 25 freshmen during an eight-week period. Familiarity with Missouri Southern—including each building and its various departments, knowledge of the Spiva Library, and where several "key" offices are located are the primary goals of the orientation course.

First-time leaders will receive two credit hours in Leadership Training, Psychology 498. Returning leaders will earn one credit in Leadership Training. Freshmen enrolled in the required course will earn one credit.

Leaders also will be required to participate in two spring meetings, a late summer workshop, and a weekly leadership meeting.

To qualify for application, interested persons must be a full-time student, have completed 55 credit hours, and have at least a 3.0 cumulative grade-point average.

"The selection is based on their leadership skills, their enthusiasm, academic standing, and their commitment to the school," LeBahn said. "We're looking for a few good leaders who are really interested in working with other students."

Individuals interested in applying may pick up the application and reference forms in the student services office, Room 211, Billingsly Student Center. Completed applications are due by Friday, Feb. 3. Personal interviews will be scheduled Feb. 13-22. New College Orientation leaders for 1989 will be announced in early April.

"This course gives the student leader a chance to make friends, learn self-confidence, and practice leading a group," LeBahn said. "It is really a challenge for the instructor."

## Biomes class plans Florida trip

Planning a field trip to Florida in the form of class research, the biology class Biomes will be heading to the Everglades and Biscayne Bay National Parks during spring break.

"What we do [in the class] is introduce the students to another biome [or large, regional ecological area]," said Dr. James Jackson, professor of biology, who is teaching the class. "What we want to do is show our students another region than the hickory-oak region we happen to be living in."

The class prepares for the trip for eight weeks, with two lecture periods per week, by studying the ecological background of the areas of the Everglades and Biscayne Bay and learning methods of collecting and analyzing data. Biomes is an upper-division class for two hours of credit.

"Then, we go to that area for a week-long collection of data," he said.

Jackson said members of the class will be studying mangroves (forests growing in salt water along coasts) and coral reefs.

"To study these mangroves, we will spend one day canoeing the coastal ma-

rine community," he said. "We'll make bird species lists, plant community descriptions, water quality surveys, and other small studies."

"Another day, we will be canoeing the inland wilderness of the Everglades and taking the same data there. Then we'll compare the two communities."

"One day, we're going to spend on an uninhabited island called Adams Key. We'll study the migration from mangrove to inland, hardwood vegetation."

Then, the class would study the coral reef community for two days, "snorkeling" among the coral reefs.

"It's a bitch, but somebody has to do it," said Jackson.

"We will study the vertical distribution of types of coral and fish species associated with the coral community, as well as the effects of ocean water on coral."

He said the class will also tour the "famous" Turkey Point nuclear generating plant.

"It's a very environmentally-sound nuclear power plant," he said.

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### Discussing new program

(From left) Dr. James Jackson, professor of biology, meets with Rebecca Harriett, chief ranger at the George Washington Carver National Monument; Tim Marston, a senior biology major; John Neal, Carver superintendent; and Shirley Baxter, Carver park ranger, to discuss an internship program for Missouri Southern students with Carver National Monument.

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## College, Carver to cooperate on internship

BY MARK R. MULIK  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

While the College's biology department has had relations with George Washington Carver National Monument for the past 10 years, until recently biology majors have not had much of a chance to gain formal experience at the park.

Soon that situation will be remedied, as the biology department and the National Park Service representatives of Carver are designing an internship program. The program would allow Missouri Southern students to gain field experience in plant taxonomy, the naming of plants.

"We've thought about it for a long time," said Dr. James Jackson, professor of biology. "The advantage for Missouri Southern is that it's a really good opportunity for an undergraduate student to do graduate-type work with the National Park Service."

The internship program is set up in four subportions: spring-summer, summer-fall, fall-winter, and winter-spring, with a different student working as an intern in each subportion.

Jackson said the intern would be working a 40-hour work week for "probably 16 to 17 weeks." He said the program is

tentatively set to begin May 1.

"It (the internship) can lead right into a job," said Jackson. "Plant taxonomy is really a needed area. If you're a good taxonomist, you've got a good chance of getting a job."

To qualify for the program, applicants must have completed at least 20 hours of biology courses—including Plant Taxonomy; be at least a junior, have experience in plant taxonomy field work, and have at least a 3.0 grade-point average.

"The overall, whole aim of this project for George Washington Carver National Monument is to get a real accurate list of all the flowering plants," said Jackson. "It'll also give us an idea how current plants there are doing as well. It's a great management tool for Carver."

Jackson said the late Dr. Leland Gier, professor of biology, had wanted to establish an internship program "like this" but had never been able to do so.

The objectives of the internship program include: collecting and identifying flowering plants; working with the park's herbarium, or library of plants; pressing, mounting, and labeling the collected plants; and seeing if endangered species of plants found at the park in the mid-1960s are still present.

Each student in the internship program

would receive \$1,500 and eight hours of upper-division credit in biology.

Funds for the program come from three sources: the National Park Service, giving \$850 per subportion; the Missouri Southern Foundation, giving \$750 per subportion; and the Carver Birthplace Association, giving \$500 per subportion.

After the intern's \$1,500 has been taken out of the total \$2,100 supplied for each subportion of the program, the remaining funds will be split between the biology department and Carver—the department will get \$100 for annotation fees, while Carver will get \$500 as payment to the curator for its herbarium.

Jackson said the biology department considered "just two or three" candidates for the internship program before selecting Tim Marston, a senior biology major. Marston has been selected as the first intern for the program.

"I think the competitive part of it will be in the future," Jackson said.

Jackson said this is the first time the biology department has done something like this with Carver, and that he is unsure of the future of the program.

"It is somewhat on a trial basis," he said.

## Senate allocates \$300 for fund-raising drive

'Chart' reporter asked to leave portion of meeting

After discussing the matter in a 10-minute "executive session" last night, the Student Senate approved a \$300 donation to the Missouri Southern Foundation's Phon-A-Thon.

"The money will go back to the College," said Doug Carnahan, Student Senate adviser, "and will be used to fund various projects. Last year we allocated \$250."

According to Robert Stokes, Senate president, the Senate's constitution does not have a provision which states it may go into "executive session." The closed session was not listed on the Senate's agenda.

John Ford, covering the meeting for *The Chart*, was asked to leave the room for the executive session. He did, and was called back in 10 minutes later.

"We're disappointed in this action because our readers have the right to hear the discussion at Senate meetings," said Robert Smith, editor-in-chief of *The Chart*. "We hope this doesn't happen again, unless there is a better reason."

Said Stokes, "It (executive session) is a means for people to go into session so they can talk more freely about each other and more freely speak about an issue. It's commonly done. We don't normally do it on Student Senate, but the reason we went into executive session was that some people thought they would feel uncomfortable speaking against the motion (appropriating \$300 to the Phon-A-Thon)."

"All of the records are given in the minutes," said Stokes. "We can't transact any business during the (executive) session. It (the session) eliminates the debate from public record, just like if the Board

of Regents were to talk about a matter of personnel—they would go into executive session."

Governmental bodies such as the Board of Regents or the City Council give advance notice to the public when members go into an executive or "closed" session. According to Stokes, the Senate does not abide by these rules since it is not a governmental body.

"If we had been an actual government institution, we would have had to have given notice of going into executive session," he said.

Stokes said the motion to go into executive session was to protect the identity of persons who did not want student monies to be allocated to the Phon-A-Thon.

"If there was someone who wanted to debate against giving the money to the [Missouri Southern] Foundation, there wouldn't be any record of who specifically voted for and who specifically voted against the measure."

Also discussed at the meeting were the possible allocations of \$800 to Alpha Psi Omega and \$696 to the College Players. These proposals were advanced to the finance committee and will be discussed at next week's meeting.

"This will give you (the senators) a chance to ponder these proposals for a week," Carnahan said.

In addition to the debate over the allocation of funds, the success of profits derived from a copier installed in Matthews Hall was discussed. The company which installed the copier wants to place one in Taylor Hall, based upon the success of the Matthews Hall copier.

## MSTV films 'Kansas' rehearsals

Students at MSTV recently were given a chance to examine what it takes to put on a big show.

Workers from MSTV were asked to film rehearsals for the *Kansas* concert on Jan. 16-17 at Memorial Hall. According to Judy Stiles, public affairs director, the students were able to negotiate a deal with *Kansas*, which opened its nationwide tour with a Jan. 18 date in Joplin.

"The group called the station and asked if we could assist in filming their rehearsals for choreographic purposes, and the students jumped at the chance," Stiles said. "We arranged to do some filming of

our own for a sort of behind-the-scenes package that will air soon."

According to Stiles, on the first night of rehearsal, students put in eight to nine hours of work.

Mark Williams, a student who will produce and direct the behind-the-scenes project for the station, is excited about making the program.

"I jumped at the chance to do it," he said. "They asked me if I would put this together and I told them I'd love to do it."

Williams said it will take about 30 hours of work to complete the project.

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## Price for P.R. is too steep

Public relations has its price, and the Student Senate is proving that good relations can get pretty expensive.

On Feb. 27-28 the Senate will make its annual journey to Jefferson City to host a luncheon for state legislators. This get-together is an effort by students to "lobby" on behalf of Missouri Southern.

But when the Senate votes to spend \$3,500 for its trip this year, the question has to be asked: Is this trip really worth that amount?

According to Doug Carnahan, Senate adviser, the Senate will probably not spend the entire \$3,500. He said between \$2,500 and \$3,000 is a more likely figure.

This lobbying trip on the part of the Senate is a questionable effort. Can spending that much for a luncheon directly benefit the student body?

Many colleges and universities, as well as other special interest groups, hold luncheons and dinners for state legislators. Their impact is diluted; legislators quickly become immune to the various funding pleas. They often view these luncheons as nothing more than a "free meal."

We also need to remember that we don't pay activity fees, 20 percent of which goes to the Senate, to have our student senators embark on public relations trips for the College. Students need to be able to see the direct benefits gained from paying those activity fees.

Consider the impact, or lack thereof, of past lobbying trips. Last week, Gov. John Ashcroft let our College down again as he refused to recommend the proposed social sciences and communications building. If we're not lobbying the governor well enough, whom can we lobby? Ashcroft, who has attended the luncheons in past years, is the person ultimately responsible for demonstrating Southern's need for new facilities to the General Assembly.

The Senate, in this case, is spending an exorbitant amount of student activity funds to pay for the chance to gab with lawmakers whose interest in higher education seems questionable. Last year the cost was "only" \$2,000 as the Senate shared the trip with the Joplin Chamber of Commerce, which put \$1,500 into the luncheon. Fearing the chamber would "steal its thunder," the Senate has decided to go this one alone.

The Senate should not forget the money it will probably have to shell out for the Spring Fling this year. How is the Senate going to pay for this?

If the \$2,500-\$3,500 for lobbying purposes came from a private donor or even a special fund created by the College, it would be a little more understandable. But since this is the students' money, let's use it for their direct benefit.



## Pro-life position is fact, not opinion

BY MARK R. MULIK  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

More than once, I have sat down to write a column on issues, and more than once, the issue of abortion has come to mind. With the 16th anniversary of the landmark pro-abortion case *Roe v. Wade*, abortion has once again come to mind, and I feel the need to discuss the subject.

First off, let me say I am a pro-life supporter. Yes, I believe abortion is much the same as murder. Life begins at conception. Once a woman becomes pregnant, she has the responsibility to take care of two lives (her own and her baby's). When a woman has an abortion—rather, I should say—when a woman commits an abortion, she is denying that responsibility and ending a human life.

I find it difficult to accept what I hear when pro-choice proponents try to explain that when a

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physician performs an abortion he is not taking a human life. I find it difficult to accept what I once heard from a female *Chart* staff member. We were covering an event where pro-life activists were present. She turned to me before she went to interview several of the pro-lifers and said: "I'm going to go expose these fakers for what they really are." She was saying she could not believe that pro-lifers actually believe abortion is murder.

If all pro-choice proponents would accept that abortion ends human life, then there would be less abortions. When pro-choicers say, "It should be a woman's right to have an abortion," I wish they would accept that they are, in essence, saying, "It should be a woman's right to commit a murder."

Anti-abortion/pro-life is something I believe in for the good of society rather than the good of self. I cannot afford to have an opinion contrary to the moral thing for just me personally. If I were to get someone pregnant, and she asked me if it would be OK for her to have an abortion (and her having one depended upon my decision), I could not pos-

sibly tell her it was OK. I could not suddenly establish an opinion contrary to my beliefs and morality just for my sake or hers. Morality has to start somewhere.

Those readers who know me may wonder if I know what I'm talking about when I start talking morality. "I've heard him talk," they could say. "He acts like he doesn't know the meaning of the word morality." I'm big on issues—whether I curse in my speech, drink alcohol socially, and maintain the general attitude of a carefree young man doesn't matter when it comes to issues. If I believe a certain way on any issue, I should be respected for that belief. It would be fairly easy for someone to observe the way I act and talk and then say, "He's so carefree and immature that I wouldn't listen to anything he said."

When discussing abortion, it pretty well has to be accepted on both sides (pro-life and pro-choice) that abortion causes the end of a human life. So I will accept the fact that life begins at conception and not accept or respect any opinion to the contrary. With both sides accepting this fact, progress can be made, with the opinions of the pro-life and pro-death supporters equally respected.

## College gives students ability to think

BY DOMINIC CARISTI  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

College teaching is simultaneously the most satisfying and most frustrating profession imaginable. There is nothing quite like the joy that comes from working with a motivated student, and nothing so unnerving as a student who would rather be having a root canal than taking your class.

I am a "freshman" at Missouri Southern and in one short semester, I have found the students much like those on the four other campuses with which I am familiar. Ten percent of the students are so motivated and so well prepared that they will probably learn no matter how poor the quality of teaching. Another 10 percent enter college unprepared and unmotivated, daring faculty to just try to teach them something. The vast majority lie somewhere between these two extremes and are the group teachers need to work hardest to teach. With good teaching they will become excellent students; without it, they could lose interest.

It is the duty of faculty members to educate their students not only in their respective disciplines, but

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in the value of education. It amazes me how many students want a "liberal arts education," yet so few understand why, or even what that means. Business students are aware that more businesses want liberal arts graduates, but many don't understand what it is that makes the liberal arts so valuable. Communication majors have repeatedly asked, "Why do I have to take math?"

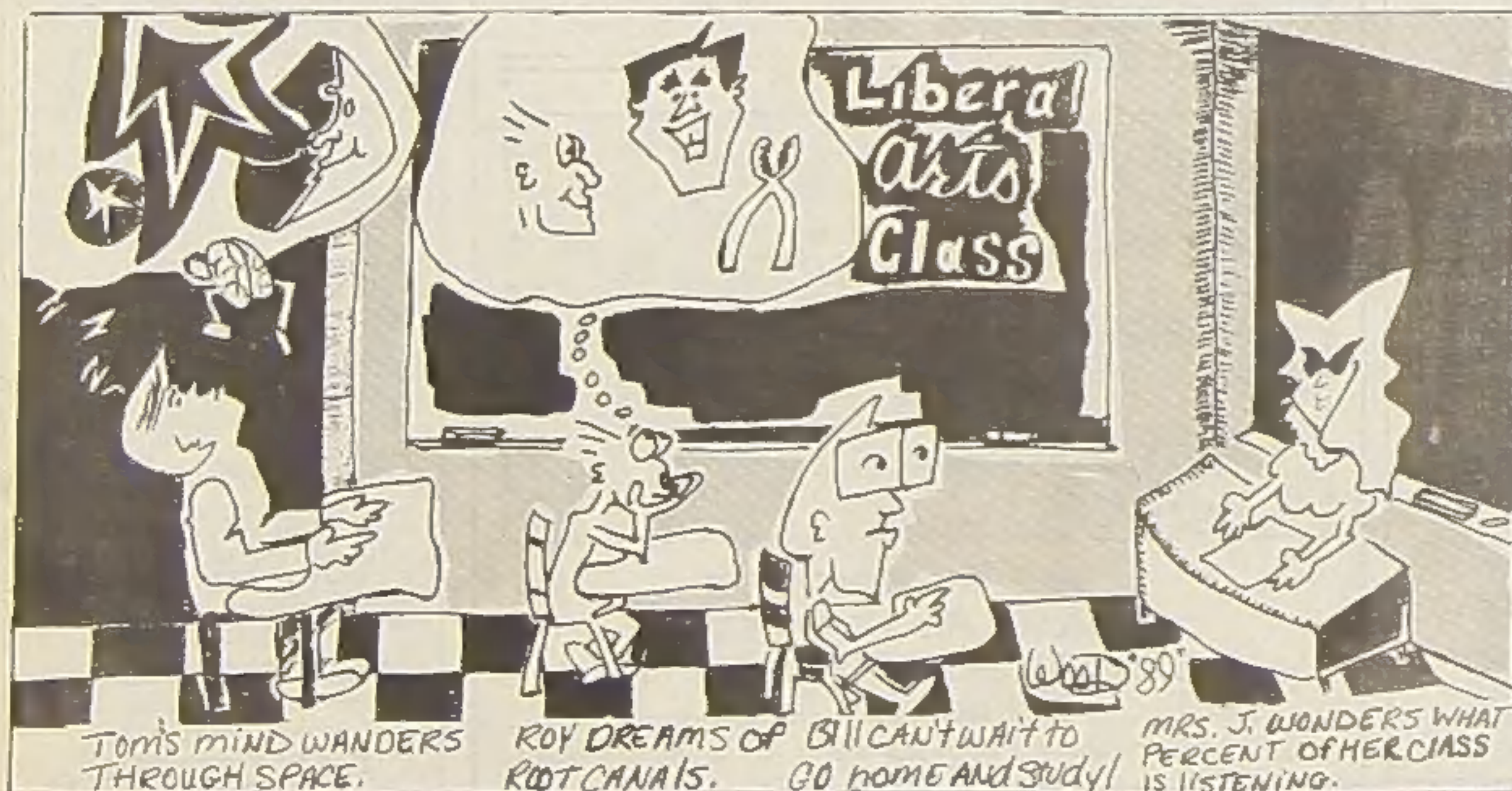
In this age of increased emphasis on job-preparedness in college, it is easy to lose sight of the bigger picture. If MSSC does no more than prepare future employees, we are a trade school. What studying math, foreign languages, physical sciences, literature, etc. does is teach ways of thinking. It doesn't really matter whether you'll ever be called on in your job to find the derivative of some equation, or conjugate verbs in Swahili. The ability to do so is mental exercise, and like physical exercise, all parts must be worked to make the body whole. Upper body strength and a weak heart muscle are imbalanced, just as is the ability to think in only one way.

Studying diverse academic disciplines is not valuable in that it teaches you bits of information about a variety of subjects, but rather because it provides mental calisthenics. Contrary to popular belief, college teaching should be more concerned

with teaching students how to think than teaching them what to think. The teaching of mere facts may be adequate for young children, but adults need to learn more. British biologist T.H. Huxley wrote, "The only medicine for suffering, crime, and all other woes of mankind, is wisdom. Teach a man to read and write, and you have put into his hands the keys of the wisdom box. But it is quite another thing to open the box."

Opening the box is, in fact, the value of studying the liberal arts. To be sure, many other rewards result from such study, but the deep, lasting contribution that liberal arts education provides (or should) is the ability to think, and to do so in a vast variety of contexts. A trade school graduate and a liberal arts graduate may have identical job prospects upon graduation, but statistics show that it will be the liberal arts graduate who will assume increased responsibility 10 years down the road.

If Missouri Southern were to invest millions tomorrow in the latest "state-of-the-art" broadcast equipment, I would be making a terrible mistake to teach students only the operation of that technology. State-of-the-art in broadcast is a fleeting goal, as it is in computer sciences, physics, or even art. What a liberal arts teacher must do, and a liberal arts student must demand, is an understanding not only of the "how" but also the "why," and more importantly "what other alternative."



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## Head's main task is to 'sell' Joplin

'Everyone' gains from tourism, says Vassallo

BY JOHN FORD  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

In an attempt to promote economic and physical growth, Joplin has created a tourism bureau and named Jo Ann Vassallo as its head.

In 1980, a city ordinance called for a 3 percent tax on the revenues of motels and hotels for the operation of such a bureau. However, when area motel and hotel owners learned that a large percentage of the funds derived from the tax were earmarked for "economic development," they grew concerned as to where the monies were actually going.

The owners fought the ordinance, and the Missouri Supreme Court deemed it illegal. But in February 1983 the Court overturned the ordinance. Under the latest plan, which obtained voter approval April 5, 100 percent of monies derived go toward the bureau's formation and the promotion of tourism in the area. However, Vassallo said people other than motel and hotel owners would benefit from the bureau's efforts.

"Tourism is not, in any shape or form, merely spending the night in a motel room," Vassallo said. "When people come to town, they buy gas for their cars and rent cars. They buy food, find lodging, and stay for amusement, like going to a movie or a museum to kill some time, and they have some recreation."

"Take fishing for instance," she added. "When a person goes fishing, they'll buy bait, food and drinks, and maybe even rent a boat. This adds to the bait shop owner's revenues and the grocery store

owner's revenues. Just about everyone gains from it."

According to Vassallo, another increase is an increase in tax revenue, because when tourist spending is high, so is revenue derived from the sales tax.

She believes one of her main tasks is to "sell" Joplin to others outside the community, such as various company executives who inquire about the city in regard to holding conventions here.

"You have to sell Joplin to the people who live here, before you can get other people to come here," Vassallo said. "My job is to get them to come here, and I'll do this by personal advertising, by direct mail, and by travel sales."

Vassallo said she would attend trade shows to build an interest in the city.

"At trade shows, we'll have a booth set up which tells people 'Here's Joplin,' she said. "It will tell people what Joplin has to offer."

According to Vassallo, among the many aspects of the community which may be of interest to tourists are recreational opportunities, such as movies and restaurants, and Joplin's centralized location.

"One of the best things about Joplin is the location," Vassallo said. "It's right in the middle, right between Springfield and Tulsa. The town is real accessible."

"Other things are the many restaurants, the first-class hotels, shopping, Joplin's history, and MSSC."

Prior to coming to Joplin, Vassallo served as director of the tourism bureau in Spartanburg, S.C. Under her guidance, the bureau's revenues rose sharply, from \$180,000 to nearly \$600,000. She sees

some differences between how the tourism bureau operates here and the way it operated in Spartanburg.

"In Spartanburg, the tax was also set at 2 percent, but the first \$25,000 went into the general fund," said Vassallo. "We would then receive 25 percent of the remaining funds, about \$180,000."

"After we produced brochures, sold tours, and brought conventions to the area, we increased by 33 percent that first year alone," she added.

According to Vassallo, the Joplin bureau's structure is an improvement over Spartanburg's because 100 percent of all monies derived go to the bureau for the purpose of promoting tourism.

"That was part of what attracted me to Joplin—the fact that the bureau was so well thought out," said Vassallo.

In addition to Vassallo, who was chosen for the position from a field of 50 applicants, the bureau also has a staff of three interns who are Southern students. Sherry Bowen, Leigh Sligar, and Peggy Oglesby gather information and put together brochures and calendars of events as part of their duties.

"The interns are doing a great job," Vassallo said. "That (hiring the interns) was the best move I'd ever made. We are still looking for more interns."

Vassallo, 32, recently moved here from Spartanburg, S.C., where she lived since she was 11. She received a bachelor of science degree in business administration and management from Limestone College in South Carolina. She attended the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg, where she was working on a degree in public relations and management.



STAFF PHOTO BY NICK COBLE

**Tourism head** Jo Ann Vassallo recently moved to Joplin from Spartanburg, S.C., to become head of the city tourism bureau.

## 'Family' place offers pizzas at low prices

BY JOHN FORD  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Opening in Joplin yesterday at Seventh and Maiden Lane, Simple Simon's Pizza offers customers reasonable prices and "consistent quality."

"The main thing we have going for us is the prices," said Jim Taylor, director of operations. "I'm a family man, with four kids, and I know what it takes to take the family out to eat."

"We're a family oriented pizza restaurant. We cater to Mom, Dad, and all the kids."

Prices at the restaurant include a large, single-ingredient, thin-crust pizza for \$4.99, while its most expensive item, the large deep-dish supreme pizza, is \$7.95.

A luncheon buffet, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., includes all the pizza and salad one can eat for \$2.99. The buffet also is offered on Tuesday and Sunday nights, beginning at 5:30.

"We do strictly pizza," said Taylor. "We offer dine-in, drive-through, or carry-out service. We also cater to groups and parties."

While the establishment offers the same services as most pizza restaurants, such as soft-drink refills and a salad bar, it does not deliver food or drink items to homes.

"We're very similar to Mazzio's and Pizza Hut, but we do not deliver," Taylor said. "At these prices, I really can't afford to deliver."

While advertising is important to the growth of any business, Simple Simon's currently advertises by "word of mouth."

"After we've been open for two or three weeks we'll do radio, television, and print," said Taylor.

According to Taylor, the pizza restaurant



**Pizzeria** Simple Simon's Pizza opened its first Joplin store yesterday at Seventh and Maiden Lane.

chain began in the early 1980s in Tulsa. The eatery also has restaurants in Neosho and Bentonville, Ark. Joplin's franchise is owned by Pizza Properties of Miami, Inc. Taylor said the chain has approximately 25 to 30 restaurants under the name of Simple Simon's Pizza. The Joplin branch currently has 22 employees.

"We prefer to hire college-age people," Taylor said. "We have both male and female employees of high school age, but we prefer college students because they seem more mature."

"Basically, the college student is more reliable and dependable, because they

realize that they are in college now and they practice more self discipline. If all goes well at this location, we will probably hire more employees."

When considering hiring a person, Taylor looks for a person who is well-groomed, has a friendly attitude, and is willing to work.

"The applicant's attitude toward other people is important to me," said Taylor. "I've had employees, at other locations, who have worked better than other employees, but they had a poor attitude toward other people."

"I try to hire the people who'll treat the

customers the way I personally want to be treated at a restaurant."

According to Taylor, it is this commitment to customer satisfaction which makes the restaurant special.

"Customer satisfaction is very important to us at Simple Simon's," he said. "From the time they come in to the time they leave, we want them to be satisfied and to leave with a favorable impression of our restaurant."

Simple Simon's is open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. On Friday and Saturday nights it remains open until midnight.

## Rangeline witnesses additions

**Convenience store opens, restaurant to open in March**

BY JOHN FORD  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Construction on Joplin's Rangeline Road is on the rise with two new additions to the landscape.

Fast Stop, a convenience store which opened two weeks ago, and Country Kitchen restaurant, slated to open in mid-March, are both located at 34th and Rangeline.

"This is going to be a 4,800-square foot building," said John Brenna, a representative with Q&S Construction and Service Company, in speaking of the restaurant. "The building itself will cost about \$300,000 when it's completed."

Brenna said the restaurant chain had been around "quite a few years" and would offer 24-hour service for customers.

"It'll be a sit-down restaurant, not like a fast-food chain, and will seat about 150 people," he said. "There will be a variety of food items on the menu."

Brenna stressed the fact that with new construction comes new jobs, because not only will work be created for construction workers, but the restaurant will bring increased opportunity for work to the area.

"I imagine they (Country Kitchen) will hire about 70 people," said Brenna. "We have about 25 workers at the job site now."

While Q&S Construction Company is the general contractor for the project, various aspects of the job are sub-contracted to local businesses, with Q&S overseeing the building's construction.

"Bill's Electric is handling the wiring, Satterlee's is doing the plumbing, and Larry Snyder is doing the carpentry work," said Brenna.

According to Linda Fagan, an employee of the Fast Stop convenience store, the shop offers customers motor fuel, snack items, and small grocery items. The store's construction was completed three weeks ago.

"We have eight employees, and should be getting our liquor license soon," said Fagan. "Probably our greatest advantage is the location, mostly because of the traffic count."

David Glenn, owner of Glenn Construction Company, said his firm was involved with many building projects within the Joplin area.

"We're doing the work on Centra-plex (a planned industrial park), a remodeling project at Pronto (located at the crossroads of Interstate 44 and Highway 43), and the Joplin Union Depot," Glenn said. "We're also tearing down and reconstructing the depot on 10th and Main."

According to Joplin Chamber of Commerce president Gary Tonjes, the city has enjoyed an eight-year boom in construction.

## Centra-plex would become Joplin's fifth industrial park

BY JOHN FORD  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Currently in the planning stage, a new industrial park may soon come to Joplin, raising the total to five.

The park, Centra-plex, would be located at Seventh and Kentucky on approximately seven acres.

"Right now, it's just in the designing and planning stages," said David Glenn, owner of Glenn Construction Co. "There will be four to six buildings, with about 90,000 or 100,000 square feet of space."

Joplin has four other industrial parks as well. These include the Joplin Industrial Park, the Joplin Southern Industrial Park, the Burlington Northern Industrial Park, and Cedar Grove Industrial Park.

Gary Tonjes, president of the Joplin Chamber of Commerce, said many of the parks have experienced growth since their

creation.

"The city has enjoyed a large construction boom within the last eight years in excess of \$750 million," Tonjes said. "The Joplin Southern Industrial Park went from 5,000 square feet of building space to 20,000, while the Joplin Industrial Park went from having nothing to having four buildings and a spec building of 40,000 square feet."

The spec building, currently on the market, has prompted several firms to inquire about the community.

"We have had the spec building since November of '87," said Tonjes. "Since then, several inquiries have been put up regarding the facility. When the building was built, we estimated that it would take us about two years to move it."

Tonjes is confident of meeting the November deadline of selling the building.

"I am convinced we'll be able to sell that sometime this year," he said.

While these two parks have enjoyed a

period of growth and success, others have not. The Burlington Northern Industrial Park may lose a firm, Georgia Pacific, which operates a wholesale lumber products warehouse.

"Burlington Northern has not had a substantial increase," said Tonjes. "They have Southwest Engineering, and then they have the Georgia Pacific building, which may become vacant at the end of this quarter."

According to Tonjes, additional smaller parks are necessary because of their ability to provide a controlled environment for smaller companies.

"Often we'll have prospects looking for a specific site within the city," said Tonjes, "and often the site will not be in a developed industrial park."

"Smaller industrial parks provide 'in-fill' development," he added. "They kind of 'fill in the holes' in the city. In a development such as this (Centra-plex), you'll see some areas which are not very

attractive be made into a first-class industrial park."

Many local business experts believe the impact industrial parks have on the local economy is a positive one, as it helps the community to grow.

"I think industrial parks such as Centra-plex bring about total economic development," Tonjes said.

According to Bernie Johnson, assistant professor of business at Missouri Southern and City Council member, industrial parks give the community the opportunity to bring in various companies, based on the community's needs.

"If we have industrial parks scattered throughout the city and they don't interfere with residential areas, it would be great," said Johnson.

According to Glenn, construction on the park is slated for this spring, with the first building ready for a company to move in as early as this summer, or sometime in the fall.



## Club offers drug abuse seminars

BY TAMMI WILLIAMS  
STAFF WRITER

Offering seminars in criminal justice is one of the several service activities the group Lambda Alpha Epsilon is involved with.

"Our charter indicates that our services should be to the College," said Wendell Richards, assistant professor of law enforcement. "We put on seminars for the entire College."

Seminars have been on narcotics and the dangers of drugs, child abuse, child pornography, and occult activities.

"We also have periodic meetings that guest speakers talk about specific types of criminal justice," said Richards.

LAE also sponsors, with the cooperation of the Joplin Police Department, a 12-hour self-defense class for members of the organization, as well as for other students.

Currently, there are 27 members in the organization, including Paula Bone, president; Brian Stowell, vice president; and Carol Greene, secretary/treasurer.

"You don't have to be a criminal justice major to be in the club," said Bone. "You can also have a minor in criminal justice or just work in law enforcement."

The group is making plans to go to Warrensburg for an annual law enforcement observation day.

"They bring in several law enforcement agencies (state, federal, and local)," said Richards. "These departments recruit during that day. It's a day set aside for students to visit departments they're interested in."

The representatives of these different departments try to get students more interested in their field.

"It gives students ideas on salaries and things like that," said Richards. "We're planning on getting something like that organized here."

They also plan to go to Leavenworth, Kan., this year to the state penitentiary. Fundraisers are planned to help for the expenses of this trip.

The national Lambda Alpha Epsilon organization gives out a Gold Key Award for students graduating with a bachelor's degree and a 3.5 or higher grade point average.

They also give out a Silver Key Award for students with an associate's degree and a 3.5 or higher GPA.

"We gave out two Gold Keys and two Silver Keys last year," said Richards.

He said these awards are only offered to members of the organization.



Hoop game Erik Schrader (left) plays defense against Kevin Russell in an afternoon game near South Hall.

STAFF PHOTO BY NICK COBLE

## Greeks face difficulties

BY BOBBIE SEVERS  
STAFF WRITER

Many factors contribute to whether Greek life is successful on a college campus.

Missouri Southern currently has three Greek organizations: Sigma Nu, Lambda Beta Pi, and Zeta Tau Alpha.

A few years ago Southern had as many as five. Delta Gamma and Kappa Alpha were two of the Greek organizations that folded.

"We're doing all we can to increase the number of fraternities and sororities," said Doug Carnahan, director of student life. "It's an important part of campus life."

One major factor that keeps the number of fraternities limited at Southern is lack of housing. At larger colleges and universities the Greek organizations have their own housing.

"Housing is part of Greek life," said Carnahan. "That is the most difficult thing they face."

A lack of recruiting, financial difficulties, and poor leadership are some of the reasons why fraternities fail.

"For a fraternity to succeed, it needs strong alumni backing, and good national support," said Carnahan.

Every year Southern has at least one fraternity or sorority take a survey to determine whether it would get adequate membership and support.

In the recent past, Greek life on major campuses has received negative attention due to hazing tactics and wild behavior. Liability insurance for Greek organizations has cost so much that many colleges refuse to take responsibility for the groups.

When the state legislature passed a law against hazing in fraternities, Southern had already put one into effect.

"It's not stereotypical Greek life at Southern," said Carnahan. "Despite all of the anti-Greek attitudes, I do think it's an important part of student life, and I would like to see it increase at Southern."

The student services office provides assistance to the adviser working with the national Greeks. It trains officers on how to conduct meetings and the operation of the organizations.

"I'm real excited about working with the sororities," said Nancy Disharoon, director of placement. "I think good things are going to happen for the Greeks."

The sororities are planning a large fall rush on Aug. 10-13 to recruit members from area high schools.

There are several reasons why Southern students do not join. One is housing. Another is that Southern is a commuter campus and most students do not stay here on the weekends.

## Southern plans 'date rape' program

Telecast open to law enforcement officials, counselors

BY BOBBIE SEVERS  
STAFF WRITER

While current research shows that nearly half of all rape victims know their assailants, a seminar will be held on campus in an attempt to bring that percentage down.

Counseling services and continuing education at Missouri Southern are offering a seminar on "date rape" from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 2 in the Matthews Hall auditorium.

"Date rape is not so much an issue here," said Jerry Williams, director of continuing education. "But across the nation the statistics are overwhelming."

According to statistics, 97 percent of all rape victims are women between the ages

of 12 and 49. Approximately 60 percent of these women are ages 20 to 24. Further research indicates that one in every five women attending college will become a victim of sexual assault.

"One should be aware of the signs of this type of situation," said Williams. "In case this phenomenon hits this area, it's better to be prepared."

The seminar is open to counselors and hospital staff in the area and local law enforcement officials.

The seminar, broadcast via satellite, will be led by Dr. Barry Burkhart, professor of psychology at Auburn University. He is a national authority in the area of acquaintance rape.

The main goals for this seminar are:

aggressive conduct in acquaintance relationships;

■ To develop and implement prevention and treatment programs;

■ To take administrative action quickly, sensitively, responsibly, and effectively.

"We have had contact with a few young women in this situation, but there is no big problem here at Southern," said Dr. Earle Doman, director of counseling.

Doman believes this will be a good staff development project for the College.

"There is a need for this type of seminar," said Doman, "and there is no doubt about that need."

When the seminar is over, Southern will have the right to use the tape, and students, faculty, and staff will be able to check it out of the library.

## Upcoming Events

Today	Kolonia 11 a.m. Basement of dormitory building B	Camera Club 2 p.m. Room 124 Police Academy	'Stand and Deliver' 2:30 p.m. Taylor Hall Room 113	College Republicans 4 p.m. Room 314 BSC
Tomorrow	Deadline for applications for Phi Eta Sigma		SW Missouri School Counselors Association 5 p.m. Third floor, BSC	Women's, Men's Basketball vs. Emporia State 6 & 8 p.m.
Saturday		Women's, Men's Basketball vs. Washburn 6 & 8 p.m.		Alumni Sock Hop following Washburn game Young Gymnasium
Monday	Deadline Today is the last day to drop classes and still get a refund		Sigma Nu 5:30 p.m. Room 311 BSC	CAB Movie The Untouchables 7 & 9:30 p.m. Barn Theatre
Tuesday	Newman Club noon Room 314 BSC	LDSSA noon Room 311 BSC	FCA 9 p.m. Basement of dormitory building B	
Wednesday	Ecumenical Campus Ministries noon Room 311, BSC	'Beyond the Dream' noon Matthews Auditorium	CAB 3 p.m. Room 310 BSC	Student Senate 5:30 p.m. Room 310 BSC

## Broadcast highlights efforts made by black Americans

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON  
CAMPUS EDITOR

To kick-off Missouri Southern's multicultural events, student services is sponsoring a live broadcast of a "major telecommunications program" recognizing the contributions made by black Americans.

"We thought it would be a good idea because we've never really done a whole lot for black history," said Val Carlisle, student activities director. "This is also something the community can get into, as well. This program covers lots of areas, including politics, science, education, sports, literature, and entertainment."

The program, which will be aired from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday in Matthews Hall Auditorium, is titled *Beyond the Dream: A Celebration of Black History*. The program is sponsored by the publishers of *Black Issues in Higher Education* and will be aired live, via satellite, from Washington, D.C.

The two-hour program will bring together "many experts" on the contributions blacks have made to this country with audiences at universities, federal and state agencies, military installations, and secondary schools.

As an interactive event, a special toll-free number will be available to participants wanting to ask questions "on the air."

Among the prominent scholars featured during the program will be Gen. Bernard Randolph, America's only black, active-duty, four-star general; Derek Bok, president of Harvard University; and Mae Jemison, America's first black, female astronaut.

*Beyond the Dream* will deal with six major sections in which blacks have made significant contributions—education, politics, business and economics, social issues, the military, and the arts, enter-

tainment, and sports.

In previous years, Southern has involved the students in a multicultural week, however, Carlisle believes many of the students have gotten "burned out" and it was decided to spread out the events through the semester.

"By spreading these events throughout the semester, we have a better selection of things to offer," she said. "Now that we're doing this, we can program these events around people's schedules, and hopefully get more people interested."

Among other multicultural events scheduled is a film covering black women in history, sponsored by the Joplin chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Southern's group Black Collegian.

Dr. Conrad Cubera, associate professor of sociology, who recently traveled to the Middle East, will give a slide presentation, called *The Arab Point of View*, which deals with the problems and crises in the Middle East.

As part of February's multicultural activities, Summit Brass, a brass orchestra from England, will perform in Taylor Auditorium.

According to Carlisle, the students' favorite of the multicultural events is the "international" lunches offered in the cafeteria.

"They're going to serve Italian, Mexican, and several different kinds of foods," Carlisle said. "The students really get involved when it comes to food."

Southern officially kicked off these events Jan. 15, with the opening of the "Other Places, Other Faces" exhibit in the Spiva Art Center.

"I really think the students will be more involved this year than in other years," she said. "With all these different things taking place, the students shouldn't have any difficulty attending them."





STAFF PHOTO BY MARK ANCELL

**Role variety** Samantha Wyer, a senior theatre major, looks for a variety of roles in plays to avoid role stereotypes.

# Wyer searches for different roles

## Southern theatre major tries to avoid stereotypes through diversity

BY KATY HURN  
ARTS EDITOR

Though she originally intended to be an engineer, Samantha Wyer, a senior at Missouri Southern, changed her plan after her first three semesters in college.

Wyer attended Northeastern Oklahoma A&M for two years before she decided to change her major from engineering to theatre. Two former theatre instructors recommended that she consider Southern's theatre department.

The attitude in the theatre department has impressed her so far, she said.

"I like the professional attitude that they try to instill in all of us (all theatre majors)," she said.

Some of the characters Wyer has portrayed in plays include Aria, the princess in *Rumpelstiltskin*; Elizabeth, the lead role in *Laundry and Bourbon*; Maggie, in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*; and Caro, a 16-year-old girl in *Talking With...*

Wyer said doing children's plays, such as *Rumpelstiltskin*, is different from performing other kinds of plays because of the children.

"They like a lot of action and a lot of energy," she said. "The kids know the story so well that if you mess up a line or don't tell the story right you'll get a reaction from them."

The role of Maggie in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, according to Wyer, was one of the hardest roles she has played. The first act of this play was mostly a speech where Maggie "rattled on and on because she was very nervous."

*Talking With...*, a play which consisted of a series of women's monologues, required Wyer, as the character Caro, to handle a six-foot-long boa constrictor named Alice. However, the owner of the snake, Pete Daley, was always at the set to make sure everything went smoothly.

Wyer said the role of Caro was the one

she enjoyed most, though it took her "a couple of weeks" to get used to the snake.

"I was really into the character," she said. "You should never show people a character. You should just be the character."

Wyer enjoys acting because it is a challenge.

Wyer is also president of Southern's group College Players, which is organized to promote and appreciate the theatre.

She said this group does things "to get high school students interested in theatre."

One thing the group does is have workshops where theatre students and professors teach different subjects.

**"You have to be oversensitive. Every time you get on stage you're vulnerable. You have to completely get rid of any inhibitions."**  
—Samantha Wyer, Southern theatre major

"You have to be oversensitive. You have to be overaware," she said. "Every time you get on stage you're vulnerable. You have to completely get rid of any inhibitions."

Wyer said she is self-conscious and over-coming her inhibition has sometimes given her trouble, though the role of Maggie helped her do this.

"That role helped me a lot in focusing more on what the character would do and not what Samantha would do," she said. "With each day, I'm learning to release that more and more."

When deciding which roles she would like to play, Wyer said she tries to stay away from playing the same kind of character in the same kind of way. The roles of Maggie and Caro, according to her, were "as different as day and night."

"I don't want to get into a stereotype," she said. "I think to grow as an actor you need to try different things."

Among the actors she admires are Jack Lemon and Gene Hackman, because they apply this principle.

"They find a completely different person in each role they play," said Wyer.

In addition to being active in plays,

Another project included cleaning the Barn Theatre last November. They also hold a banquet at the end of the year. Currently, the group is preparing to go to the American College Theatre Festival.

At the ACTF, students see plays, hear monologues and critiques, and learn about new techniques.

"One thing about the theatre is that you have to read the new books and listen to the newest directors," said Wyer. "You can never sit back. You always have to learn more and more."

Wyer's interest in the theatre is not limited to acting. She said she is gaining an interest in directing.

"It's a brand new experience to direct," she said. "You have to take what you learn in acting and apply it to directing."

Currently, Wyer is working on getting a teaching certificate and plans to get a master's degree after getting her bachelor's.

Though she enjoys acting, she plans to teach at the college level as her profession.

Said Wyer, "I can enjoy it (acting) just as much giving it to other people."

# 'Kansas' shows Joplin crowd it can still put out hit music

BY ANASTASIA UMLAND  
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Rating: ★★★★★  
(out of ★★★★★)

After more than a year of hard work on their latest album, *Kansas* kicked off their 1989 world tour in Joplin's Memorial Hall Wednesday, Jan. 18.

Z-103 radio station and New West Productions scheduled the tour's opening show and coordinated several promotional events to support the band's latest album, *In the Spirit of Things*.

"We had more of an opportunity to expose the band to the public," said Don Cristy, program director of Z-103. "Their mad manager worked with us and we were able to get just about what we wanted. We set up a Bleacher Creature contest that went over really well."

The "Bleacher Creature" promotion enabled select winners to sit on the stage behind the band during the show.

At 8 o'clock of the night of the show, Steve Morse, Steve Walsh, Richard Williams, Billy Greer, and Phil Erhart took the stage, and the concert began with an incredible light show that focused on the drum set. Lead singer Steve Walsh climbed on the speaker at the edge of the stage and cranked out the song "Howlin' at the Moon" in his great voice. The band also performed other former hit songs such as "Dust in the Wind."

"Dust in the Wind" contained an intense mixture of violin and keyboard that was enhanced by mood-setting lights.

During the band's performance of "Carry On My Wayward Son," Walsh jammed out and did a handstand on the keyboards.

Kansas also played songs from the new album, including "One Big Sky," "I Counted On Love," and "The Preacher."

The climax of the concert was the

band's rendition of the Steppenwolf hit "Born to Be Wild." Walsh jumped around to the pulsating beat of this huge hit and brought Z-103's Don Cristy and Scott Hardy on stage to join him in singing the song.

"This song went over well with the crowd," said Scott Hardy, Z-103 disc jockey. "I really got a charge being on stage with such a talented band."

One song from the new album that was left out of the concert schedule was "Stand Beside Me." This was a surprise to most members of the audience, since this song is getting air play on local radio stations.

"We decided not to play this song because the response it was getting was kind of lukewarm," said Greer.

In 1987, the band added a new member, Steve Morse. He showed his stuff during the song "T.O. Wicher."

According to bass player Billy Greer, the band decided to open in Joplin because, "just like the army, it seemed like a great place to be."

"We (members of the band) all think we have a different sound, we enjoy working with our new producer," he said.

Greer said *Kansas*' last concert tour was in July 1987. He said the band took extra time in putting together the new album, because they were not pleased with the previous album.

"The band was kind of unsure on the sound of *Power*," he said. "We sound more like a band on our latest work."

"After we produced *Power*, all of the band decided it was time to relax and take a vacation," said Williams. "Right now, we are all rested and ready to rock."

After playing Joplin, the band had venues in Kansas City, Rolla, and St. Louis.

"We are excited to be traveling to Europe beginning in March," said Greer.

Kansas showed Joplin that the band is still around and putting out the hits. And Joplin showed *Kansas* what kind of response the band can expect on its world tour.

# Fowler enters works in show

BY VICKI DENEFRIO  
STAFF WRITER

Judith Noble Fowler, a part-time art instructor at Missouri Southern, has been exhibiting her work for "about 25 years."

Fowler currently has two paintings exhibited in the Springfield Area Artists Exhibition at the Springfield Art Museum.

"It is a 12-county regional competitive exhibition," Fowler said. "There were 299 works submitted and only 73 were accepted."

Each participant in the exhibition was allowed to enter two works. Fowler entered a piece called "All Things Bright and Porky" and another called "Annie Wu in Brown."

Works submitted were judged on media, subject, and technique.

"All Things Bright and Porky" won a

cash award. "I wanted it to portray a sense of humor and create a fluffy picture. There are several pigs with flowers and ribbons."

"Annie Wu in Brown" is a drawing of a Chinese woman. Although it did not win a cash award, it also is on display at the Springfield Art Museum.

"Although this is the first time that I have entered in the Springfield exhibition, I have had some of my works exhibited here at Spiva," Fowler said.

"All Things Bright and Porky" had been on exhibit in Spiva Art Center in the past," she said.

The Springfield Area Artists Exhibition will continue through Feb. 5 and is open to the public.

"It was really nice to go back to Springfield," said Fowler. "I lived there before, and it was nice to be in the area again."

# Debate team takes third in tournament

## Delaney says he is pleased with accomplishments despite disadvantages

BY KATY HURN  
ARTS EDITOR

In its first speech and debate tournament of the semester, Missouri Southern finished third overall at the Central Missouri State University Show-Me Swing Invitational last weekend.

Among the teams Southern defeated were the University of Oklahoma, Wichita State University, and the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Southern lost to Southwest Baptist University and Kansas State University.

The topic of the debate in this tournament was whether increased restrictions on the civilian possession of handguns in the United States would be justified.

David Delaney, debate coach, said

Southern's team received the topic at the beginning of the semester. Though team members were at a disadvantage because some teams at the tournament had debated the topic before, Delaney was pleased with his team's accomplishments.

"I think they've done really well considering what little time we've actually put into it so far," he said.

Two of Southern's teams, Steve Doubledee/Jim Evans and Greg Prewitt/Diane Hampton, were 7-5. Another team, Kevin Doss/Michael Prater, was 10-2, making the combined record 24-12.

Kevin Doss finished fourth in overall speaker awards, while Diane Hampton finished seventh and Michael Prater finished 10th.

"I think the debaters are working bet-

ter on this topic than the previous one because it deals with several controversial and moral issues," said Doss.

Placing fourth in Lincoln-Douglas debate, Pam Smith competed against people who were "very, very good," according to Delaney.

"I'm satisfied because she did well against the people who got first and second," he said.

Delaney believes area high schools have benefited the debate team.

"The strength behind Missouri Southern is the area high schools," he said. "We're really fortunate to have a lot of good high schools. So it's easier to recruit."

The next debate is scheduled for Feb. 3-4 at Southwestern College.

Coming Attractions				
Joplin	'Woman of the Year' 8 p.m. Today thru Saturday Joplin Little Theatre	'Other Places, Other Faces' Today thru Feb. 12 Spiva Art Gallery Call 417-623-0183	Japanese prints from Mulvane Art Center Feb. 26 thru March 18 Spiva Art Gallery	'Woodcuts by Karen Kunc' Feb. 26 thru March 19 Spiva Art Gallery
Springfield	Springfield Area Artists Exhibition Today thru Feb. 5 Spiva Art Museum Call 417-866-2716	'Birds of America' Today thru Feb. 5 Spiva Art Museum	Bruce Hornsby & the Range Feb. 10 Shrine Mosque Call 417-869-0529	Joan Jett & the Blackhearts Feb. 12 Shrine Mosque
Tulsa	Buck Owens Today Tulsa City Limits Call 918-438-3263	Metallica & Queensryche Saturday Expo Square Pavilion Call 918-744-1113	'Master Works of Painting' Today thru March 1 Philbrook Museum Call 918-749-7941	Gary Puckett & the Union Gap Feb. 4 Chapman Music Hall Call 918-596-7111
Kansas City	'Cats' Today thru Sunday Midland Center Call 816-421-8000	'Sesame Street Live' Today thru Sunday Municipal Auditorium Call 816-421-8000	The Tallgaters Tomorrow Grand Emporium Call 816-531-1504	Billy Preston Tuesday Grand Emporium
	Living Colour Feb. 8 Uptown Theater Call 816-756-3371	Joan Jett & the Blackhearts Feb. 10 Uptown Theatre		Ratt w/ Britny Fox & Kix Feb. 12 Kemper Arena Call 816-756-3371



## Southern has 'got to win at home' for success

### Hoch helps Lady Lions beat Kearney State 86-73

BY ROBERT J. SMITH  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In recent years the Lady Lions have had little success against Emporia State or Washburn. Missouri Southern has not defeated Emporia State in almost two years, and Southern senior Trish Wilson was a freshman the last time the Lady Lions beat Washburn.

The Lady Lions play Emporia State tomorrow and Washburn Saturday in what promises to be one of Southern's toughest CSIC weekends. Tip-off time for both games is set for 6 p.m.

"Both teams have good inside games," said Janet Gabriel, Southern head coach. "The key is going to be our guards. I feel like we have one of the, if not the best, backcourts in the conference."

Southern's backcourt, freshman guard Diane Hoch and junior Cheryl Williams, was responsible for much of the team's success last weekend. On Saturday, Hoch scored 20 points, grabbed seven rebounds, and dished out five assists to help the Lady Lions to a 86-73 win against Kearney State.

"Our whole team had a good game," Gabriel said. "We went to Hays and lost (71-65) and then came out and played a good game against Kearney."

Gabriel said it was Hoch who single-handedly broke through the Kearney State full-court press.

"There she was, on her knees, dribbling around the court like Curly Neal of the Harlem Globetrotters," she said. "There were a couple of times Kearney had four kids guarding her and she would

just pass the ball to someone for an easy lay-up."

Last Friday, the Lady Lions "played well enough to win," but dropped a 71-65 decision to Fort Hays.

"I'm just glad we're not going back there," Gabriel said. "I don't think the referees treated us fairly. They just let Hays move us out and back at us all night."

Gabriel said Hays was whistled for only two fouls during the second half.

Southern, 9-4 overall and 1-1 in the conference, will face two opponents similar to Fort Hays this weekend. Both teams rely on strong inside play for their success.

According to Gabriel, it will take similar efforts against Emporia State and Washburn this weekend if the Lady Lions are to win.

"We've got to win at home if we're going to do well in the conference," she said.

## Turner thinks team is ready

BY ANASTASIA UMLAND  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Coming off a successful fall practice season, Head Coach Warren Turner believes the baseball Lions are ready for action.

"We have been polishing up, getting ready for our first game against Oral Roberts University," he said. "The guys are tuned up and ready to go."

Southern travels to Tulsa on Feb. 18 for a double-header against Oral Roberts. Turner expects the NCAA power to provide stiff competition. He said ORU has a good program this year and are doing well.

"This team has always been good competition for us," he said. "It will be a good way to start the season."

Turner is anticipating a highly competitive season for the Lions. He said the team will face perennial powerhouse Oklahoma State four times during the upcoming season.

"Our season will be more competitive this year, but I think the team is ready for the heat," he said.

"We plan to play them tough, our team looks good," said freshman Steve Hann. "We always have a tough schedule."

In addition to OSU, the Lions will play the University of Arkansas, the University of Kansas, and Miami University of Ohio. Turner thinks these teams will be some of the Lions' best foes.

"We also have a major disadvantage because we will meet most of these teams on their ground," he said.

Although the Lions will have a limited number of home games, Turner hopes this will not affect the team's morale during the season.

"I don't really think it will affect us," he said. "The guys are charged and ready to go."

"We are going to play 'team ball,'" said Jody Hunt, senior. "Our first 18 games this season are going to be tough. Even though we would rather have more games at home, we will still do well."

Turner said the highlight of the Lions' spring season will be the Pan Am University Citrus Tournament, held March 13-18 in Edinburg, Texas.

"The team always enjoys traveling to Texas and playing in this tournament," said Turner.

"We should do well in this tournament because the team is strong offensively," said senior Jim Baranoski.

This year's starting line-up includes many returning players. According to Turner, Hunt, Baranoski, and others will provide experience and leadership to the team.

Turner thinks he has a good team with ample talent. He said the team will advance as far as it chooses.

"The guys can do it," he said. "They have the talent; it is just a matter of doing it."



STAFF PHOTO BY NICK COBLE

### Rebound

Junior center Lloyd Phelps reaches for a rebound in a junior varsity game here Monday night. The Lions lost to Evangel, 84-69, to end their JV season.

## Football Lions receive awards

Five Missouri Southern football players have been named to the *Football Gazette* NAIA Division I All-America team.

Mike King, a senior defensive lineman, garnered third-team honors while defensive back Addie Gaddis, linebacker Greg Stonebarger, offensive lineman Mike Wicker, and quarterback Alan Brown took home honorable mention awards.

King led the Lions with seven quarterback sacks and was fifth on the team in tackles with 47.

Brown, who was named the team's most valuable player, broke or tied 15 school records for passing and total offense.

Gaddis shared the team lead in interceptions with two and led the Lions with six pass break-ups.

Stonebarger led Southern in tackles with 102, including 33 solo tackles and 49 assists.

Wicker started 18 consecutive games during his two-year career at Southern.

"Last weekend was critical for us. We proved to ourselves that we could come back and win the second game after we lost to Fort Hays."

Emporia State, 8-8 and 3-0, has won six of its last seven games. The Lady Hornets won games against CSIC foes Washburn, Missouri Western, and Wayne State last week.

Center Cindy Bolen, a 6-foot-1 senior, leads the Lady Hornet attack with 14.7 points and 8.8 rebounds per game.

Washburn, 13-2 and 2-1, had a successful home stand against Wayne State and Missouri Western last weekend. The Lady Blues are led by 5-11 junior Brenda Shaffer, who averages 21.1 points and 9.8 rebounds per game. Freshman Laura Mueller is scoring 15.3 points per game.

## Lions face CSIC foes

BY VANCE SANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

Opening a five-game homestand after a pair of road losses last weekend, Missouri Southern entertains Emporia State tomorrow and Washburn Saturday.

Chuck Williams, Southern head coach, looks to snap a five-game losing streak while at home.

"That road trip was long and tiring," said Southern assistant Sam Weaver. "However, it was a good experience for our young players."

This week Southern faces three tough opponents in Emporia State, Washburn, and Missouri Baptist. Tip-off time for the Emporia State and Washburn games is set for 6 p.m. On Tuesday, Southern's tip-off time is 7:30 p.m. against Missouri Baptist.

Emporia State, 10-6 overall and 2-0 in the CSIC, has won five of its last six games.

"We have been playing better as of late," said Ron Slaymaker, Emporia State head coach.

Emporia features a trio of outstanding front-court players. The Tigers are led by 6-foot-11 sophomore center Howard Bonser, a transfer from Kansas State.

"Bonser is a big, strong inside player," said Slaymaker.

Jeff Law, a 6-4 senior swingman, provides the Tigers with a mix of good inside-outside play.

"Jeff is a versatile player," said Slaymaker. "He is an excellent passer."

Senior Ryan Sprecker, a 6-5 forward, has been the surprise of the season.

"Ryan was a junior varsity player for two years and a part-time starter last season," Slaymaker said. "His dedication and hard work has paid off. He is having a great year."

On Saturday, Southern squares off against traditional CSIC power Washburn. The Ichabods are currently 11-4 overall and 1-1 in league play.

Washburn is coming off a 72-68 loss to Drury College in Springfield.

"Washburn is always a tough opponent," said Weaver. "They are a balanced team."

"We have a lot of real good players; we have good balance," said Bob Chipman, Washburn head coach.

The Ichabods have four players scoring in double figures and a fifth player just under 10 points a game.

Leading the scoring charts for Washburn is Jeff Markray, a 6-7 junior center with an average of 17.8 points per outing. The Ichabods receive additional inside support from 6-5 Doyle Callahan, a sophomore forward who scores 11.6 points and grabs a team-leading 8.1 rebounds.

"Jeff Markray is a State Fair Community College transfer who gives Washburn a strong inside presence," said Weaver.

Tuesday's game pits Southern against Missouri Baptist.

"Missouri Baptist is loaded with good athletes," said Weaver.

The Spartans are currently ranked fifth in the latest Dunkel district ratings.

"Our goal this week is consistency," said Weaver. "We have to get good play from everyone."

"Brad Jackson and Tim Harris need to play consistent basketball during this stretch for us to win."

Sam Wilcher, a 6-5 junior, leads the Lions with averages of 13.6 points and 7.1 rebounds per game. Jackson and sophomore David Lurvey are second and third in scoring with 12.3 and 10.1 averages, respectively. Junior Rodney Adside leads the Lions in assists.

"The bench has played an important role in the last few games," Weaver said. "Our younger players are gaining valuable experience."

## My Opinion



### Lady Lions are surprising

The words *surprise* and *expect* might best describe the Lady Lions' season to this point.

"Surprise, we've got a winning record," the Lady Lions said.

"That's great," the fans said, "but we didn't expect you to win five games the entire season."

A friend of mine went so far as to say the men's team would win more games than the women's.

"The women will be lucky if they win more than two games," he said.

At this writing, the women are 9-4 while the men are but 3-11. In all fairness, my friend's comment sounds sillier now than it did just three months ago.

It was to be a year of transition. Anita Rank and three other starters were gone. Jim Phillips, head coach, jumped ship just when he expected it to sink. It was basketball mutiny in a sense. But instead of leaving a sinking program, he moved to one. Austin Peay stands 0-16 under his tutelage.

"I think the girls who were here were ready for a change," said Sallie Beard, women's athletic director. "It's true that we lost Anita Rank, but that wasn't the end of the world."

Then came Janet Gabriel—first-year head at Southern. For that matter, it was her first year as head coach anywhere.

"You don't really know what to expect (with a new coach)," Beard said. "She came in with a fresh outlook, and I had faith that she could do well."

Gabriel did have some left-over ammunition from the Phillip years. There was Trish Wilson, who would return for her final year. Five others returned to the squad, including Southern tennis player Susie Walton.

From the six returnees, Gabriel pulled three starters. Wilson, in reality, was the "given" in a geometry problem. On the other hand, fans needed some "proof" from 6-foot-1 sophomore Caryn Schumaker, who had played sparingly last year. And Gabriel couldn't have known what to expect from Walton.

One question remained for the rookie head coach: How do you bring two starters with talent to a school where the women's basketball team went just 8-18 a year ago?

Gabriel managed to bring in junior Cheryl Williams from Lincoln (Ill.) Junior College. Speedy Diane Hoch, a freshman from Kansas City, would fill the other hole.

In many respects, Williams and Hoch were the last two pieces to the puzzle.

"I'm not sure why Diane and Cheryl are so good," Gabriel said. "I think they fit my game. They're both well suited for what I want to do."

The fans anticipated a rebuilding year. A lone senior, two juniors, an unproven sophomore, and a freshman point guard would hold the keys to success this season.

Fans watched the Lady Lions beat Missouri Baptist 88-80 in the opener. "That's no big deal," fans said. "We beat them last year 99-50 and 109-50."

Fans began to take notice after the team won its next three games (all on the road) and jumped out to a 4-0 mark. Who are they? What right do they have going 4-0 when they should be losing with regularity?

Southern has managed to surprise everyone, particularly the fans. The Lady Lions have worked around the lack of a superstar by creating a different standout every night.

It's a team that can beat opponents in several ways. Whether it's a jumper from the wing by Wilson, an offensive board and score from Walton, or a simple lay-up for Hoch, the Lady Lions have been more than a pleasant surprise. I don't know what to expect next.

Rob Smith is editor-in-chief of The Chart.

### 1989 Lions Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Series	Last Met
Sept. 2	Lincoln University	Home	3-2-0	1976
Sept. 9	Southeast Missouri State University	Cape Girardeau	2-2-0	1974
Sept. 16	Northwest Missouri State University	Home	0-0-0	-----
Sept. 23	Washburn University	Topeka, Kan.	10-8-1	1988
Sept. 30	Northeast Missouri State University	Home	0-1-0	1968
Oct. 7	Missouri Western State College	St. Joseph	13-6-0	1988
Oct. 14	Southwest Baptist University	Home—Homecoming	0-0-0	-----
Oct. 21	Central Missouri State University	Warrensburg	6-2-2	1983
Nov. 4	University of Missouri-Rolla	Home	3-1-0	1977
Nov. 11	Pittsburg State University	Pittsburg, Kan.	8-12-1	1988

All games are Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association games.